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Copeland, et al.)) Group Art Unit: 1743
Serial No.: 09/931,513)
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For: Automated Biological)
Reaction Apparatus)

REPLY TO THE DECEMBER 5, 2005 OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the December 5, 2005 Official Action for the above-captioned U.S. patent application.

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